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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
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**I. GENERAL**

Bureau staffing is a significant and continuing problem which has an impact on the morale of those working at the bureau. The loss of a highly experienced monitor, who was not replaced, is strongly felt. It is not only the speed and quality of the translations which is missed. Also missed is the expertise and initiative which provided the bureau with considerable extra coverage of non-Cuban targets; targets which only now are beginning to be sought after and covered by our newest monitor. This monitor, who will become really effective within this next year, will be lost to the bureau when his tour ends in October of 1983.

The problem is a vicious circle. Recruitment and retention: Is there no way to overcome this problem?

**II. OPERATIONS**

**A. Monitorial/Editorial**

Due to significantly improved monitorability provided by the bureau's new Beverage antenna, installed this spring, Mexican radio stations in the Yucatan were monitored at fair/good levels, rather than previous poor-poor/fair levels. Thus it was possible for the bureau to provide a complete, solid text of the inauguration speech of the new Mexican president, Miguel de la Madrid. Bureau personnel were very pleased at having been able to deliver this speech--much sought after by consumers--which would have been impossible to monitor at all only a few months earlier.

**B. Technical**

- 1) New Videotech tuner was installed in the video distribution rack to replace the Jerrold tuner which is being used to replace the discarded CEI 904-1 receiver as an audio source and spare video source for all three Havana channels.
- 2) The bureau's newly received Extel B315 ASR was made operational with the receipt of a replacement CPU board from headquarters. The new Extel was installed in teletype position two so that maintenance could be carried out on the Extel in that position.
- 3) After a number of years of exposure to the salt spray from the Atlantic some 10 yards away, the bureau's 275 gallon diesel fuel tank for the emergency generator finally corroded through in an inaccessible point at the bottom of the tank and had to be replaced.

4) The bureau's temporary beverage antenna, which extends over a narrow cove, was broken during the month, apparently by the mast of a sailboat. This antenna was restored to service shortly after reception of the necessary antenna wire from headquarters.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Building and Grounds

Significant progress was made during December on the bureau's expansion project: the concrete floors were poured; internal partitions were installed; and the metal roof was put into place and bolted down. In addition the contractor has installed all electrical outlets and junction boxes, metal conduits, plumbing, and the underground conduits for power and communications cables. This includes the installation of new pull boxes. At this point it appears the work is on schedule and, according to Project Engineer [redacted] who inspected the job on 7 December, the quality of the work is very good. The job should be completed by mid-February as it is approximately 80-85 percent complete at this time. STAT

### IV. VISITS

The bureau was visited on 15 December by [redacted] of DSB/PSD, Office of Security, for a regular physical security and safety inspection. Project Engineer [redacted] made a 1-day, 7 December, inspection trip and talked briefly with appropriate NAS officials and construction company personnel regarding the final phases of the expansion project. The Bureau Chief made a 1-day visit to headquarters during his holiday leave in northern Virginia. STAT

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